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DEGROOMING METHODS WITH  
COMMON TIME REFERENCE FOR  
OPTICAL NETWORKS  
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Dear Sir:

Sixty-five [65] figures (65 sheets) and twelve [12] pages of the application (pages 144 – 155) are transmitted herewith, for the above-referenced patent application, responsive to a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (copy transmitted herewith), date mailed October 30, 2001 with a two-month response period.

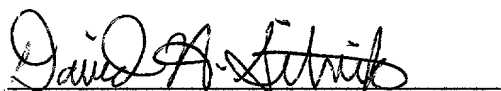
The substitute drawings are in compliance with 37 CFR §1.84, whereas the drawing sheets have the appropriate margins. The drawings have been printed on size A4 paper with margins as follow: top 2.5 cm, left 2.5 cm, right 1.5 cm and bottom 1.0 cm. The aforementioned drawings have been conscientiously measured and do conform to the aforementioned specifications.

New Page 144 of the application with Claims commencing on Page 145 has been provided herewith, in compliance with 37 CFR §1.75(h).

Should the Initial Patent Examination Division object to any of the aforementioned drawings, Applicant respectfully requests that each of the figure(s) and their respective objection(s) be specifically identified, so that Applicant may completely understand the objection(s), and please provide the name and phone number of a specific person to contact with regard to this response.

The Examiner is invited to communicate directly with the undersigned via phone as would be of assistance to expediting prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

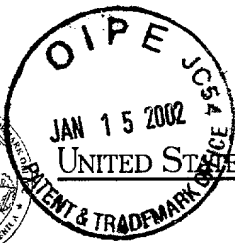


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*Filing Date Granted*

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).
- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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